Installation of T.V. Transmitter in Azamgarh, U.P.

3883. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the television viewers do not get good and clear picture on their sets in Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh because there is no transmitter installed in the district; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to install at least 100 KW T.V. transmitter in Azamgarh and by when it is likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Azamgarh district is within the service area of the high power (10 KW)/TV transmitters at Varanasi and Gorakhpur. The defect of one antenna has since been removed and these tarnsmitters are now functioing satisfactorily. The TV service in the district may nevertheless require some strengthening but it is possible to do so only on the availability of resources for the purpose in the future plans for TV expansion.

Suspension of NCCF Officers

3884 SHRI T CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2116 given in Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1987, and state:

(a) whether the officers of the NCCF allegedly involved in all the cases sent to the CBI by the Government have been placed under suspension; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the prima facie involvement of all the 13 officers (who were placed under suspension) was established in the NCCF's preliminary|departmental enquiries in the cases referred to the CBI; if not the reasons for their suspension;

(c) what are the names of 23 officer against whom Departmental enquiries have been started giving the nature of alleged mis-conduct/irregularities committed by them;

(d) what is the departmental enquiry against the remaining one of the three Assistant Managers against whom a departmental enquiry had been started and the stage of the proceedings; and

(e) what are the reasons for revoking the suspension orders of the Assistant Manager who has been exonerated in the departmental enquiry but against whom CBI has not yet completed investigations?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K L. BHAGAT): (a) It has been reported by the NCCF that all those officers who have been named in the cases registered by the CBI have been suspended.

(b) It has been stated by NCCF that prima-facie involvement of all these officers was noticed as a result of preliminary examination.

(c) The details of officers and the cases are given at Annexure. (See Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 165]

(d) The details of the departmental enquiries, their progress etc, against all the 3 Assistant Managers have been indicated in the Annexure.

(e) The suspension order of the Asstt. Manager was revoked by the NCCF since the departmental equiry did not establish any charge against him However, the CBI is investigating into this case

Cases detected by regional controller of Iron and Steel for misuse of raw material

3885. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the name and number of factories/firms detected by the Regional Controller of Iron and Steel (Northen Region) for misusing of raw materials allotted by the SAIL during the last three years in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and H P;

(b) the action taken against the firms/factories who misused raw material allotted by the SAIL during the last three years;

(c) what measures have been taken by the Ministry to stop such malpractices; and

(d) the number of such officers who were also involved in favouring these firms in getting raw material to these firms/Mills and action taken during the last three years against such officers?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M L FOTEDAR): (a) The names and number of factories/firms detected by the Regional Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel, Northern Region (previously known as Regional Iron & Steel Controller) for misusing of raw materials allotted by SAIL during the last three years in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and H P is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(b) The firms were debarred from receiving such supplies under clause 28 B of the Iron & Steel (Control) Order, 1956

(c) Regular inspections are being done by the Regional Development Commissioner to check misuse of such materials.

(d) No officer of SAIL was found involved in favouring these firms/ factories.

Statement

The following firms/factories which received iron and steel material from SAIL and other sources like IISCO, TISCO and SSI and were found misusing them were debarred under Clause 28B of the Iron and Steel (Control) Order, 1956 during 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto November, 1987) from receiving such supplies by the